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Walter S. Smith, Jr.
Chief Judge

Date of Birth: 1940
Education: Baylor 1964 BA, 1966 JD
Began Service: October 6, 1984
Appointed By: President Ronald Reagan

Judicial: Judge, Texas District Court (1980-1983); Magistrate Judge, United States District Court for the Western District of Texas (1983-1984)

Legal Practice: Dunnam & Dunnam (1966-1969); Wallace & Smith (1969-1978); Haley, Fulbright (1978-1980)

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Sam Sparks
District Judge

Date of Birth: 1939
Education: Texas 1961 BA, 1963 LLB
Began Service: December 7, 1991
Appointed By: President George H.W. Bush

Clerkships: Law Clerk, Chambers of District Judge Homer Thornberry, United States District Court for the Western District of Texas (1964-1965)

Government: Aide (D-TX), Office of Representative W. Homer Thornberry, United States House of Representatives (1963-1964)

Legal Practice: Associate Partner, Hardie, Grambling, Sims & Galatzan (1965)

Current Memberships: American Board of Trial Advocates; American College of Trial Lawyers; State Bar of Texas; Texas Bar Foundation, State Bar of Texas

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Chambers of District Judge W. Royal Furgeson

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W. Royal Furgeson
District Judge

Date of Birth: 1941
Education: Texas Tech 1964 BA; Texas 1967 JD
Began Service: 1994
Appointed By: President William J. Clinton

Clerkships: Law Clerk The Honorable Halbert O. Woodward, United States District Court for the Northern District of Texas (1969-1970)

Government: Assistant County Attorney, Office of the County Attorney, County of Lubbock, Texas (1969)

Legal Practice: Shareholder, Kemp, Smith, Duncan & Hammond, P.C. (1970-1994)

Military Service: United States Army (1967-1969)

Current Memberships: American Bar Association; American Bar Foundation, American Bar Association; American Board of Trial Advocates; American College of Trial Lawyers; American Judicature Society; The American Law Institute; Ector County Bar Association; El Paso Bar Association; Midland County Bar Association; State Bar of Texas; Texas Bar Foundation, State Bar of Texas; Texas Association of Defense Counsel

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**Fred Biery**
District Judge

Date of Birth: 1947
Education: Texas Lutheran 1970 BA; Southern Methodist 1973 JD
Began Service: March 14, 1994
Appointed By: President William J. Clinton
Political Affiliation: Democrat

Judicial: Judge, Bexar County Court at Law (1979-1982); Judge, Texas District Court, 150th District (1983-1988); Justice, Texas Court of Appeals, Fourth District (1989-1994)

Legal Practice: Partner, Biery, Biery, Davis & Myers (1973-1978)

Military Service: United States Army Reserve, United States Department of the Army (1970-1976)

Current Memberships: American Bar Association; The William S. Sessions American Inn of Court, The American Inns of Court; San Antonio Bar Association; San Antonio Bar Foundation; State Bar of Texas; Texas Bar Foundation, State Bar of Texas

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Orlando L. Garcia
District Judge

Date of Birth: 1952
Education: Texas 1975 BA, 1978 JD
Began Service: 1994
Appointed By: President William J. Clinton

Government: Legislative Aide, United States House of Representatives (1974-1983); State Representative Orlando Luis Garcia (R-TX), Texas House of Representatives (1983-1991)

Judicial: Judge, Texas Court of Appeals, Fourth District (1991-1994)

Legal Practice: Associate, Law Office of Matt Garcia (1978-1985); Associate, Heard, Goggan, Blair & Williams (1985-1990)

Current Memberships: San Antonio Bar Association; State Bar of Texas; Texas Bar Foundation, State Bar of Texas

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David Briones
District Judge

Date of Birth: 1943
Education: Texas 1971 JD
Began Service: October 17, 1994
Appointed By: President William J. Clinton

Judicial: Judge, County Court at Law No. 1 (1991-1994)

Legal Practice: Partner, Moreno and Briones, Attorneys at Law (1971-1991)

Military Service: United States Army (1964-1966)

Current Memberships: Federal Judges Association; Mexican American Bar Association; State Bar of Texas; Texas Bar Foundation, State Bar of Texas

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Philip R. Martinez
District Judge

Date of Birth: 1957
Education: Texas (El Paso) 1979 BA; Harvard 1982 JD
Began Service: February 15, 2002
Appointed By: President George W. Bush

Judicial: Judge, County Court of Law No. 1 (1991); Judge, 327th Judicial District Court, State of Texas (1991-2002)

Legal Practice: Associate, Kemp, Smith, Duncan & Hammond, P.C.

Current Memberships: American Bar Association; The American Law Institute; El Paso Bar Association; El Paso Mexican-American Bar Association; Federal Judges Association; National Hispanic Bar Association; Philosophical Society of Texas; State Bar of Texas; Texas Bar Foundation, State Bar of Texas

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Alia M. Ludlum
District Judge

Date of Birth: January 6, 1962
Education: Texas Woman's 1983 BBA; Texas 1986 JD
Began Service: November 18, 2002
Appointed By: President George W. Bush

Government: Trial Attorney and Chief of Appellate Section, Office of the County Attorney, County of Travis, Texas (1986-1990); Trial Attorney and Chief of Del Rio Division, Western District of Texas, United States Attorney's Office, United States Department of Justice, George H.W. Bush Administration (1990-1997)

Judicial: Magistrate Judge, United States District Court for the Western District of Texas (1997-2002)

Current Memberships: Federal Magistrate Judges Association; Fifth Circuit Bar Association; Hispanic National Bar Association; State Bar of Texas; Val Verde County Bar Association

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